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SUMMARY: THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY SECTIONS  
OF THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM CALL FOR A MORE ACTIVE PORTUGUESE  
ROLE IN NATO AND REAFFIRM PORTUGAL'S COMMITMENT TO EUROPE.

THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM PLEDGES TO RESUME LAJES BASE NEGOTIATIONS ON AN URGENT BASIS. END SUMMARY.

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY SECTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 12 FOLLOW:

NATIONAL DEFENSE:

A. THE OBJECTIVES:

(1) NATO: THE GOVERNMENT WILL DEVELOP A NATIONAL DEFENSE POLICY IN KEEPING WITH PORTUGAL'S NATO OBLIGATIONS.

(2) POLITICAL CONTROL: THE GOVERNMENT WILL COOPERATE IN PREPARING THE LEGAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE SUBORDINATION OF THE ARMED FORCES TO POLITICAL CONTROL OVER THE MEDIUM-TERM.

B. THE MEANS:

(1) GREATER NATO PARTICIPATION: THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROMOTE, IN COOPERATION WITH THE ARMED FORCES, MORE INTENSE AND MORE ADEQUATE PARTICIPATION IN THE VARIOUS MILITARY AND CIVILIAN BODIES OF NATO.

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(2) LEGISLATION: THE GOVERNMENT WILL WORK WITH THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO PREPARE A LAW FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

(3) MILITARY ASSISTANCE: THE GOVERNMENT WILL ASSURE THE INTEGRATION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES IN AFRICA INTO OVERALL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES:

A. EUROPEAN INTEGRATION: SPECIAL PRIORITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN TO PORTUGAL'S EUROPEAN OPTION. THE GOVERNMENT FAVORS MODIFICATION OF PORTUGUESE LEGISLATION TO ACCORD WITH EC REQUIREMENTS AND PORTUGUESE ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPETENCE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN.

B. LAJES NEGOTIATIONS: LAJES NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE RESUMED ON AN URGENT BASIS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE AZOREAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT.

C. COMMITMENT TO NATO: PORTUGAL'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. THE WEAKENING OF NATO IN THE FACE OF THE WARSAW PACT BUILDUP WOULD INTRODUCE DANGEROUS FACTORS OF INTERNATIONAL INSTABILITY AND INSECURITY. PORTUGAL MUST, THEREFORE, ON BOTH THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY PLANES CARRY OUT AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

D. FORMER COLONIES: RELATIONS WITH THE FORMER COLONIES WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION IN THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN POLICY. A NEW FOREIGN MINISTRY POSITION AT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL LEVEL WILL BE CREATED TO COORDINATE PROPOSED GOP ASSISTANCE IN TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION, MEDICAL CARE, AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. (WE UNDERSTAND THE JOB WILL GO TO ROBERTO CARNEIRO OF THE EDUCATION MINISTRY, AN EXCELLENT CHOICE.)

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E. THE ARAB STATES: THE PROGRAM RECOGNIZES THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE ARAB STATES AND AFFIRMS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA.

F. THE FAR EAST: PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE DEVOTED TO STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL FORMS OF CULTURAL COOPERATION WITH INDIA.

G. EASTERN EUROPE: RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE STRENGTHENED.  
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